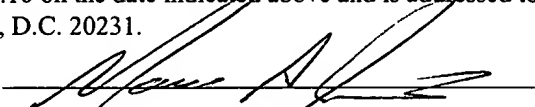


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Dear Sir:

A Continued Prosecution Application request was filed in the above-referenced patent application on October 9, 2001. Prior to examination of this case on the merits, please enter the following amendments.